

REMARKS

[0001] Claims 3-8, 10, 11, and 13-30 are pending. The Notice of Allowance mailed June 16, 2008 allowed Claims 3-8, 10, 11, and 13-30. The Applicants submit these amendments which direct the application exclusively to a single set of method claims without any change in the scope of the allowed claims. Claims 3-8, 10, 11, 13-20, and 24-30 are cancelled leaving Claims 21-23 pending.

[0002] The Applicants request that these amendments be entered in accordance with MPEP §714.16. The Applicants submit the enclosed amendments to cancel non-method claims and to the title and abstract to conform to the type of claims remaining. The Applicants note that entering of these amendments is within the discretion of the Examiner because cancellation of claims from the application does not require approval from the Examiner's supervisor. MPEP §714.16(d).

[0003] In this Amendment, the Applicants have cancelled Claims 3-8, 10, 11, 13-20, and 24-30 from further consideration in this application. The Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by Claims 3-8, 10, 11, 13-20, and 24-30 is not patentable. Claims 3-8, 10, 11, 13-20, and 24-30 were cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate splitting the method claims from the remaining claims. The Applicants intend to immediately file a continuation application with Claims 3-8, 10, 11, 13-20, and 24-30.

[0004] Should additional information be required, the Examiner is respectfully asked to notify the Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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